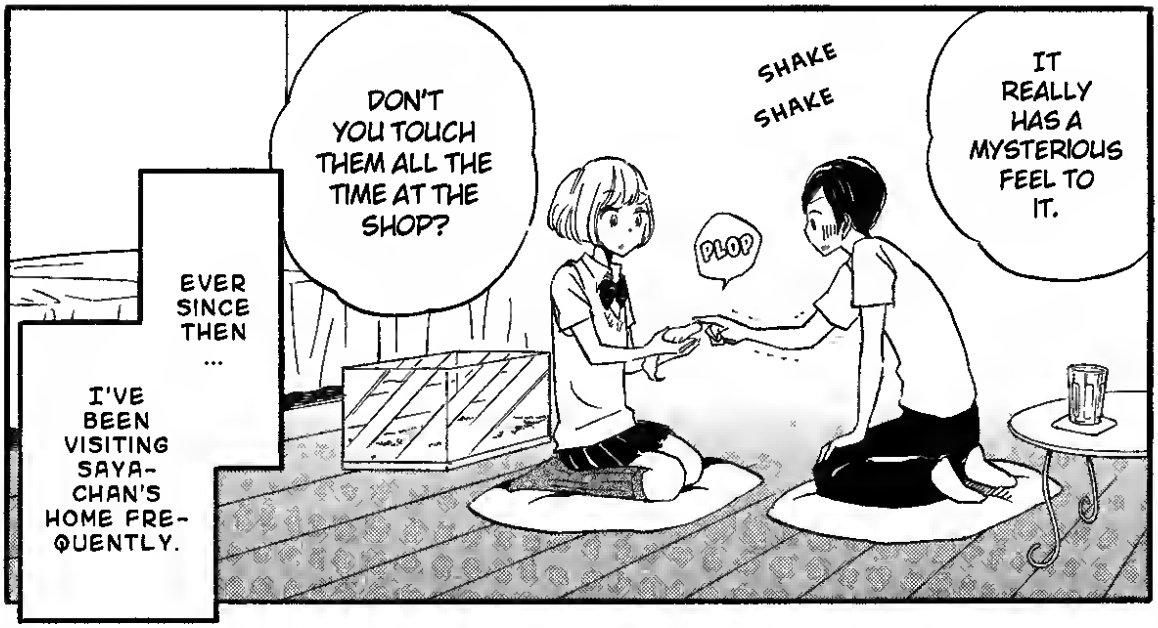
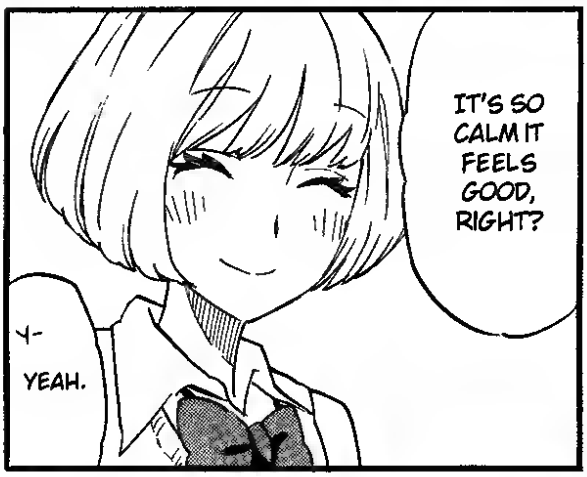
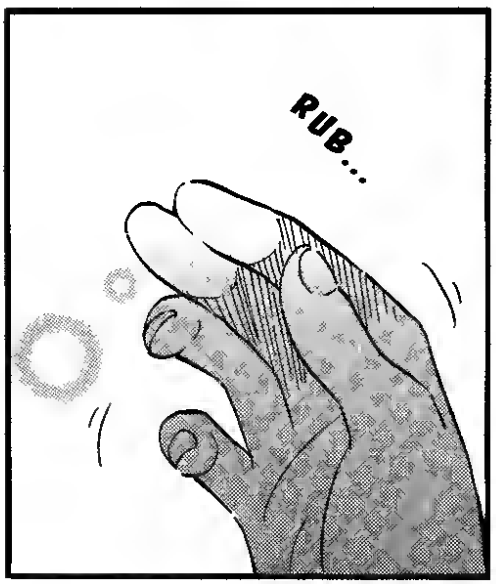
GO AHEAD AND TOUCH ...
TAMAKI-KUN ...

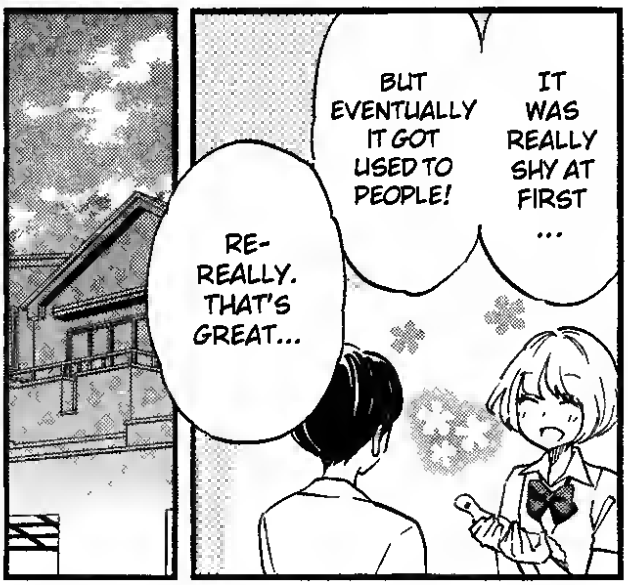
glup
O-OKAY.
HERE GOES THEN ...

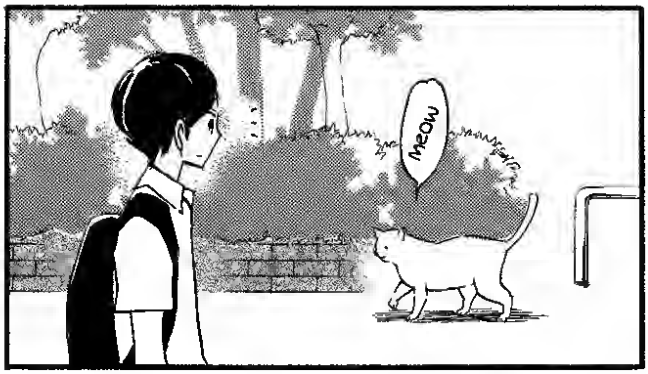

EVER SINCE THEN ...
I'VE BEEN VISITING SAYA-CHAN'S HOME FREQUENTLY.
DON'T YOU TOUCH THEM ALL THE TIME AT THE SHOP?
SHAKE SHAKE
PLOP
IT REALLY HAS A MYSTERIOUS FEEL TO IT.


IT'S SO CALM IT FEELS GOOD, RIGHT?
Y-YEAH.

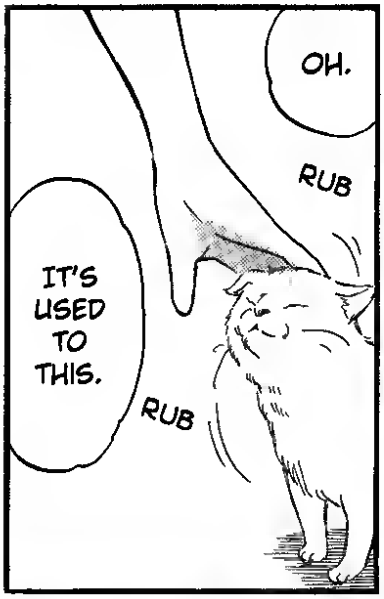
I ALWAYS WEAR RUBBER GLOVES WHEN I FEED THEM OR CLEAN THE TANKS.
IS THAT SO.
NOT REALLY ...

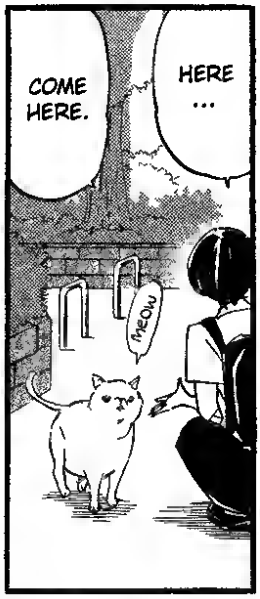

RUB...


RE-REALLY. THAT'S GREAT...
BUT EVENTUALLY IT GOT USED TO PEOPLE!
IT WAS REALLY SHY AT FIRST ...


MEOW

IT WAS A REALLY STRANGE FEELING.
I WAS ... SURPRISINGLY OKAY WITH IT.

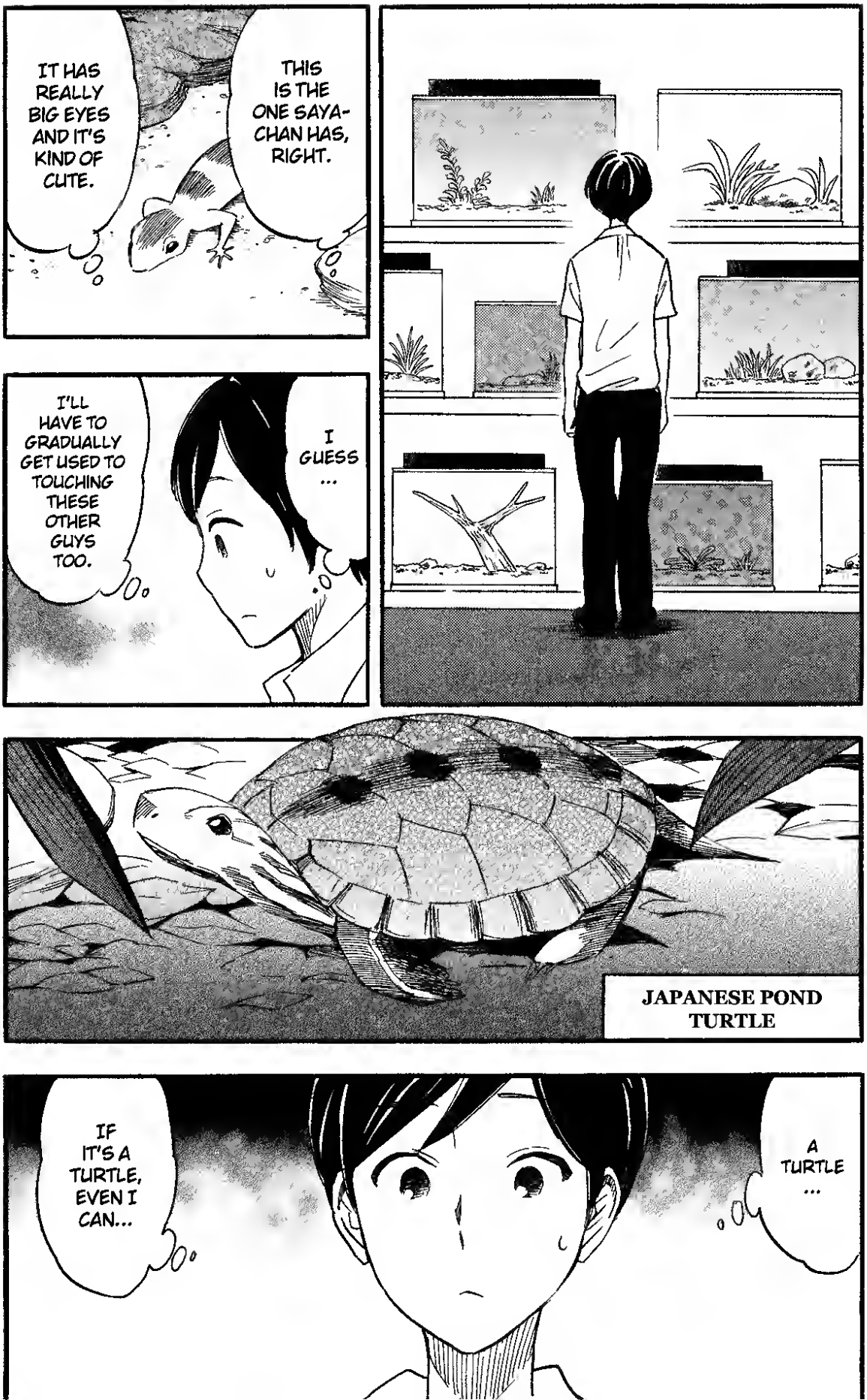

OH.
RUB
IT'S USED TO THIS.
RUB


HERE ...
COME HERE.
MEOW

SPLISH
SPLASH

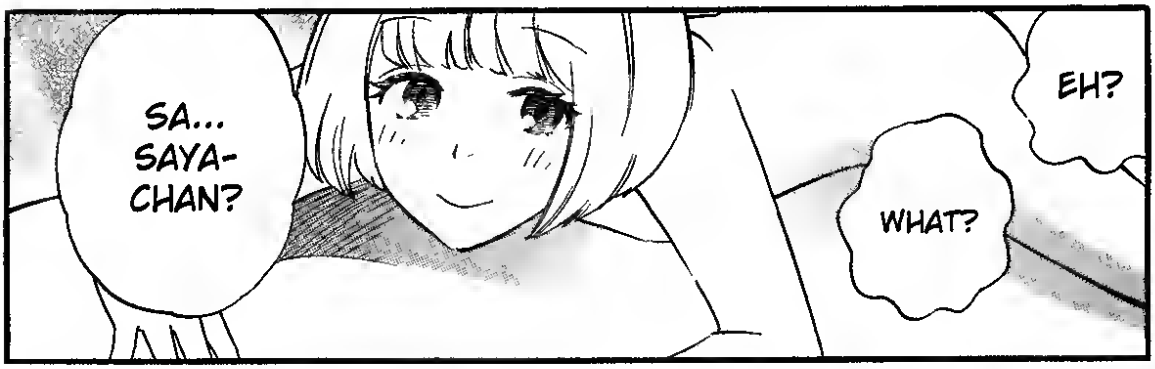
I'M HOME!
WELCOME BACK.
PET SHOP SHIRANE

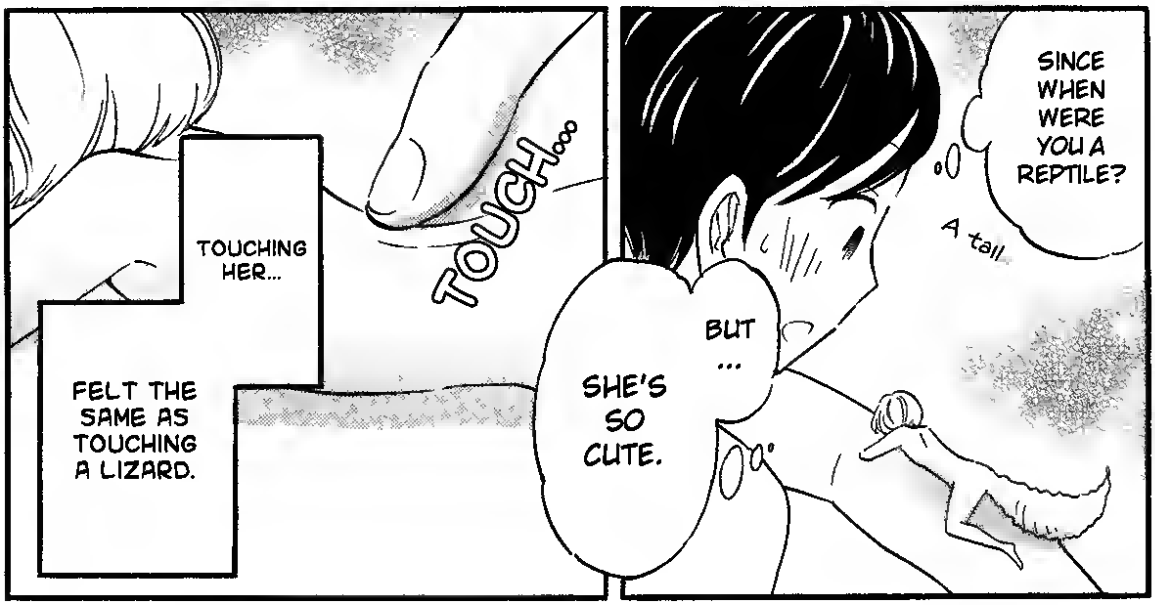
HAIR.


IT HAS REALLY BIG EYES AND IT'S KIND OF CUTE.
THIS IS THE ONE SAYA-CHAN HAS, RIGHT.
I'LL HAVE TO GRADUALLY GET USED TO TOUCHING THESE OTHER GUYS TOO.
I GUESS ...
JAPANESE POND TURTLE
IF IT'S A TURTLE, EVEN I CAN...
A TURTLE ...

ROUGH ...
TP
REACH
THE IGUANA ...
...IS TAKING A NAP.
IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO WAKE IT UP.
GREEN IGUANA
SNAKES ...
...ARE STILL IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.
CORN SNAKE
AT SAYA-CHAN'S PLACE I ONLY TOUCHED THE BACK.
TAKING ONE IN MY HAND ...
AND FEELING ITS SLIMY FEET IS A SCARY THOUGHT.
SHIVER
THAT NIGHT ...
PERHAPS BECAUSE I HAD BEEN THINKING THINGS LIKE THAT BEFORE GOING TO BED...
PET SHOP SHIRAKI

I SAW A WEIRD DREAM.
WOAH.
EVEN I CAN HOLD A LIZARD ON MY ARM!


SA... SAYA-CHAN?
EH?
WHAT?


TOUCHING HER...
TOUCH...
FELT THE SAME AS TOUCHING A LIZARD.
SINCE WHEN WERE YOU A REPTILE?
A tail
BUT ...
SHE'S SO CUTE.

...AH!
TWITCH...
...
WOAH!
...
SHAAA...
TMP
TMP

splish
splash

!!
CLACK
OH, TAMAKI.
YOU'RE AWAKE?

THE NEXT DAY...
I REALLY WANTED TO VISIT SAYA-CHAN'S ROOM AGAIN.
?
BUT I WAS SO EMBAR-RASSED THAT I COULDN'T LOOK HER IN THE EYES...
SO IN THE END I COULDN'T GO TO HER HOME EITHER.